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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending and subject to an election of species. The claims have been amended to include generic method and apparatus claims. Claims 17 and 18 have been added, based on the material deleted from claims 1 and 8. Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination on the merits of the present application.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicant elects Species I for initial prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-18 are readable on the elected species.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application. If there are any problems with this response, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call. In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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